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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following paragraph:

[0025] FIGS. 1 and 2 illustrate a sprocket assembly 1 for a bicycle in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention. The sprocket assembly 1 generally includes a sprocket carrier 4 for receiving at least three sprockets 2, 3 and 11. The carrier 4 includes a hub ring 5 and a plurality of carrier arms 6 wherein the hub ring 5 is wider than the plurality of carrier arms 6. For positive torque transfer, the hub ring 5 has driver elements 7 of differing widths. Each carrier arm 6 tapers from a root region 8 of the carrier 4 to an end region 9 of the arm 6, while the thickness of the root region 8 is less than the end region 9 of the arm 6. The carrier arm 6 includes a first receiving surface 10 and a second receiving surface 10a opposite the first receiving surface 10. Although, FIGS. 1 and 2 show all of the plurality of carrier arms having the first and second receiving surfaces, the phrase "plurality of" does not mean all of the carrier arms, but may mean any plurality of carrier arms. First and second sprockets 11, 3 are mounted to the first and second receiving surfaces 10, 10a respectively. To reduce the weight of the carrier 4, the carrier arms 6 having axially extending cutouts 32. The spacing between the two receiving surfaces 10, 10a is dictated by the thickness of a third sprocket 2 and the necessary sprocket spacing between the sprockets 2, 3, 11.